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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

Year

1959





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Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Thedwastre,  
in the County of West Suffolk for the year ending 31st December  
1959

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Sudbury 2855.

Municipal Offices,  
Belle Vue,  
SUDBURY,  
Suffolk.

August 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Thedwastre.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to present for your consideration  
this report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the  
District.

During the year under review the County Medical Officer,  
Dr. D.A. McCracken, acted as your Medical Officer of Health and  
it is he who has kindly provided the statistics and information  
herein. I am most grateful to him for this. The reception  
given to me by the Council has been most encouraging and the  
help given to me by the Clerk of the Council, Mr. A.O. Owen,  
and the senior Public Health Inspector Mr O.J. Wyatt has been  
greatly appreciated.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

G.P. BARCLAY

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Authority

(a) Medical - One part-time Medical Officer of Health,  
G.P. BARCLAY M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

This Officer does not engage in private practice  
but holds in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health Sudbury Borough Council  
Hadleigh U.D.C.  
Cosford R.D.C.  
Melford R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical Officer.  
School Medical Officer.

Miss A. Bryant is Secretary to the Medical Officer of Health  
for the five Districts.



(b) Others - One Public Health Inspector  
O.J. WYATT, M.S.I.L., M.A.P.H.I., Meat Cert. R.S.H.  
Mr. Wyatt is also Surveyor to the Council.

One Additional Public Health Inspector.  
F.G. LIMBERT, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A., Meat Cert. R.S.I.

### THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL 1959

Rev. F.E. Weston-Waite (Stowlangtoft) - Chairman of the Council  
Mrs. L.D. Walmsley (Gedding) - Vice-Chairman.

Mr. E.J. Aves (Hinderclay)	Mr. W.W. Hawes (Elmswell)
Mr. L.E. Baker (Woolpit)	Mr. A.E. Henderson (Drinkstone)
Mr. T.F. Blackwell (Langham)	Mr. A. Johnson (Hunston)
Mr. R.A. Bloom (Norton)	Mr. H.T. Levesley (Great Ashfield)
Major T.L. Dearbergh (Thurston)	Mr. T.H. Marshall (Rickinghall)
Mr. A.T.A. Dobson (Walsham-le-Willows)	Mr. W.H. Parr (Woolpit)
Mr. D.J.S. Dyball (Elmswell)	Mr. P.C. Romans (Felsham)
Mr. N.G. Etheridge (Rattlesden)	Mrs. D.I. Staddon (Beyton)
Capt. R.H. Errington (Tostock)	Mr. W.N. Valentine (Hessett)
Mr. J.W.E. Granger (Walsham)	Mr. F.J. Watson (Wattisfield)
Major T. Hails (Badwell Ash)	

MR. A. OWEN - CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.

### SECTION 4

#### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

1. <u>GENERAL STATISTICS</u>	Area - 34,126 acres.	1959.	1958.	1957.
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population	9,130	8,990	8,940	
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	3,145	3,029	2,876	
Rateable Value	£56,749	£52,933	£52,597	
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£213	£211	£227	

#### 2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	.. ..	73	65	138
Illegitimate	.. ..	3	-	3
		—	—	—
Total:		76	65	141
		—	—	—
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	.. ..	..	..	15.4
Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.13)		..	..	17.4
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (England and Wales)	..	..	..	16.5



STILLBIRTHS.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate .. .. ..	1	-	1
Illegitimate.. .. ..	-	1	1
Total:	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births .. .. .. 13.9

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births (England &amp; Wales) 20.7

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate .. .. ..	74	65	139
Illegitimate.. .. ..	3	1	4
Total:	<u>77</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>143</u>

INFANT MORTALITY. Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate .. .. ..	1	3	4
Illegitimate.. .. ..	-	-	-
Total:	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Total) 28.4

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Legitimate) 28.4

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Illegitimate) Nil

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 21.3

Legitimate Live Births per cent of total live births .. 97.9

Maternal Deaths (Including abortion) .. .. .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.. Nil

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	55	54	109

Death Rate per 1,000 Population .. .. .. .. 11.9

Corrected Death Rate (Comparability Factor .90). .. 10.7

Death Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) .. 11.6

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>YEAR</u>									
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	
Birth Rate (Corrected)	20.2	21.4	21.2	16.5	20.0	21.2	17.8	19.2	17.4	
Death Rate (Corrected)	11.0	8.8	8.8	11.3	10.7	10.6	10.3	9.3	10.7	
Infant Mortality Rate	26.1	36.4	12.3	70.3	25.6	30.1	42.5	-	-	
Number of Infant Deaths	4	6	2	9	4	5	6	-	4	

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PERIOD	1821-1822	1822-1823	1823-1824	1824-1825	1825-1826	1826-1827
1821	2,61	3,15	3,25	3,05	3,35	3,15
1822	2,67	3,05	3,01	2,11	3,03	2,8
1823	2,55	1,95	3,05	5,25	4,25	1,25
1824	3	2	1	3	3	3
1825	3	2	1	3	3	3
1826	3	2	1	3	3	3
1827	3	2	1	3	3	3

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The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1959. The grand totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	-	4
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	2	1	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	3	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, Uterus.	-	-	2	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	14	3	7	5
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	1	1	1	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	2	6	8
18. Coronary Disease, angina	6	9	6	6
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1	1
20. Other Heart Disease	3	4	11	11
21. Other circulatory disease	2	-	5	1
22. Influenza	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	4	-	2	2
24. Bronchitis	1	2	-	-
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	1	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum.	2	1	1	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	--	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	2	5	10
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	3	1	-
34. Other accidents	-	-	-	1
35. Suicide	2	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
Totals:		55	32	54
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The Birth Rate, Death Rate and the Registrar General's estimate of the resident population of Thedwastre for the years 1919 to 1959 are set out below:-

THE DWASTRE R.D.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Crude Birth rate</u>	<u>Crude Death Rate</u>
1919	8,528	20.6	13.9
1920	8,513	23.5	10.7
1921	8,420	22.2	10.4
1922	8,493	21.8	12.6
1923	8,480	18.8	14.6
1924	8,463	16.0	11.5
1925	8,460	17.0	12.3
1926	8,197	15.1	12.1
1927	8,301	14.8	14.3
1928	8,372	12.3	13.6
1929	8,398	16.0	11.7
1930	8,040	12.9	11.3
1931	8,031	13.7	15.8
1932	8,000	13.9	13.6
1933	7,858	13.0	16.8
1934	7,820	12.7	11.8
1935	7,749	13.7	11.4
1936	7,714	13.9	13.5
1937	7,688	14.4	13.2
1938	7,691	14.8	10.3
1939	7,724	14.1	12.5
1940	8,851	12.3	14.9
1941	9,525	13.0	11.9
1942	9,052	16.8	13.1
1943	8,713	16.5	14.9
1944	8,342	21.1	12.6
1945	8,150	19.4	15.3
1946	8,180	18.1	11.9
1947	8,199	18.3	15.2
1948	8,524	18.9	12.0
1949	8,618	16.8	13.7
1950	8,654	17.6	12.9
1951	8,719	17.5	14.3
1952	8,880	18.6	11.4
1953	8,788	18.4	11.5
1954	8,860	14.4	13.7
1955	8,880	17.6	13.0
1956	8,930	18.6	11.8
1957	8,940	15.3	11.4
1958	8,990	17.0	10.1
1959	9,130	15.4	11.9



Year	Rateable Value	Penny rate Product	No. of Inhabited houses	Registrar General's Estimate Population	Deaths under one year		Births		Stillbirths	
					Total Deaths	Legit-imate	Illegit-imate	Legit-imate	Illegit-imate	Legit-imate
1939	£24,751	£103	2,409	7,724	101	7	Nil	101	6	4
1940	£25,141	£103	2,551	8,851	132	3	Nil	110	4	7
1941	£25,019	£105	2,543	9,525	113	8	Nil	125	6	6
1942	£25,003	£104	2,544	9,052	119	4	1	146	6	7
1943	£26,781	£111	2,539	8,713	130	4	1	133	11	2
1944	£26,723	£111	2,545	8,342	105	4	2	155	21	3
1945	£26,777	£111	2,548	8,150	125	8	3	132	26	3
1946	£27,066	£112	2,552	8,180	97	2	1	125	23	5
1947	£27,416	£114	2,608	8,199	125	8	3	131	19	4
1948	£27,160	£113	2,738	8,524	102	3	Nil	150	11	2
1949	£27,922	£119	2,778	8,618	118	3	Nil	136	9	7
1950	£28,793	£119	2,768	8,654	114	5	Nil	137	15	2
1951	£29,120	£120	2,789	8,719	125	4	Nil	146	7	4
1952	£30,647	£122	2,786	8,880	101	6	Nil	159	6	2
1953	£31,312	£127	2,801	8,788	101	1	1	152	10	2
1954	£32,401	£130	2,849	8,860	121	9	Nil	121	7	3
1955	£33,173	£131	2,813	8,880	115	4	Nil	151	5	5
1956	£55,458	£212	2,847	8,930	105	5	Nil	158	8	2
1957	£52,597	£227	2,876	8,940	102	6	Nil	138	3	3
1958	£52,933	£211	3,029	8,990	91	Nil	Nil	147	6	5
1959	£56,749	£213	3,145	9,130	109	7	1	139	4	1



## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

#### (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, under the directorship of Dr. R.M. Fry, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are required.

#### (b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

These services since July 1953 have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of The County Medical Officer of Health.

#### (c) NURSING IN THE HOME

The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse Midwives carry out these duties.

#### (d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The West Suffolk County Council hold Infant Welfare Clinics in Thedwastre at two centres:-

Elmswell, Village Hall      1st Thursday in each month.  
Rickinghall, Village Hall    2nd Thursday in each month.

## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (i) WATER The present position with regard to water is as follows:-

#### MAINS WATER - THEDWASTRE

YEAR	PIPED SUPPLY TO HOUSE		USING STANDPIPE WITHIN 200 FEET	
	Number	%	Number	%
1959	2,018	64%	433	14%
1958	1,903	63%	420	14%

A further illustration, indicating the position in each parish, is provided by the table on the following page.

During the year, 16 samples of water were taken for bacteriological purposes. Of these 4 were satisfactory and 12 were unsatisfactory.



The water mains are within the reach of most properties within the Area and it is being found that those property owners who did not wish to avail themselves of the service offered are now changing their minds. Quite a number of properties with bored wells are now having connections to the mains.

The dry summer did not cause any real concern, to only two premises had water to be carted, one at Walsham le Willows and the other at Rickinghall.

#### Carting of Water

The mains extension carried out by Direct Labour at Langham has enabled 7 premises to take supplies from the Council's mains. Water has now been taken to a dwelling at Rickinghall Inferior obviating the carting of drinking water.

#### (ii) Drainage and Sewerage.

The Rattlesden sewers and works were completed and handed over by the contractors, Messrs. Slater Bros. of Glemsford, at the beginning of the year and by the end of the year 40 Council houses and 37 private houses were connected thereto. The occupants of these premises appreciate the advantages of being on the sewer, foremost amongst which is that of having a water closet instead of the pail closet, the contents of which had to be emptied into the garden. Again tenants of the prewar Council houses had buckets under the sink and these, likewise, had to be emptied on the garden.

The advent of the sewer has induced the Council to modernise all of their houses by the provision of baths and hot water in addition to the Water Closets; quite a number of private owners have done likewise.

The Council are still extremely anxious that sewerage works be provided for other villages within their area, particularly for Badwell Ash, Beyton, Drinkstone, Felsham, Gedding, Hessett, Norton, Tostock, Walsham le Willows and Wattisfield. The joint Elmswell/Woolpit scheme has been in use since April, 1960 and by the end of July, 1960 no less than 60 houses have connected to the sewer.

A Ministry of Health enquiry has been held at Walsham le Willows and it is hoped that approval will be given and works commenced by the end of the year.

A scheme for Rickinghall, sponsored by Hartismore R.D.C., also includes Rickinghall Inferior and should be completed by 1961.

Hopes are high that the Norton scheme will be started in 1961.



Parish	Total Houses in Parish	Houses in Parish with a piped water supply into the house by the end of the year. (Number in brackets indicate those supplied by standpipe)		% with Water at end of 1959	
		1959	1958	in house	Standpipe
Lashfield, Great	110	63 (20)	54 (20)	57%	18%
Badwell Ash	117	60 (29)	58 (29)	51%	25%
Beyton	152	112 (21)	109 (21)	74%	14%
Drinksstone	142	71 (16)	67 (15)	50%	11%
Elmswell	375	279 (44)	261 (42)	74%	12%
Felsham	112	78 (13)	78 (13)	69%	12%
Gedding	53	33 (7)	31 (7)	62%	13%
Hessett	105	51 (17)	48 (17)	48%	16%
Hinderclay	73	43 (18)	43 (18)	59%	25%
Hunston	34	22 (6)	21 (6)	65%	18%
Langham	34	10 (8)	9 (8)	29%	24%
Norton	242	158 (24)	152 (24)	65%	10%
Rattlesden	256	165 (38)	146 (37)	64%	15%
Rickinghall Inf.	106	72 (14)	64 (14)	68%	13%
Stowlangtoft	65	37 (3)	37 (3)	57%	5%
Thurston	317	204 (20)	194 (20)	64%	6%
Tostock	119	68 (12)	62 (12)	57%	10%
Walsham le Willows	276	163 (48)	157 (46)	59%	17%
Wattisfield	138	83 (27)	81 (21)	60%	20%
Woolpit	319	246 (48)	231 (47)	77%	15%
	5,145	2,018 (433)	1,903 (420)	64%	78%



The Council's Yorkshire Karrier 70 gallon cesspool emptier is still in use and has given eight years satisfactory service. The staff engaged in emptying cesspools are working overtime every day but, in spite of this excellent service, cesspools are constantly overflowing, especially in wet or snowy weather. Now that the sewerage scheme for Elmswell and Woolpit is completed it is hoped that better service may be possible.

The charge for emptying of cesspools at private houses in Thedwastre is 30/- for the first load and 25/- for each subsequent load; free service is available to tenants of Council Houses.

Since June, when Rannocks egg packing station moved the major part of their business into another district, the assistance of a neighbouring Authority, who previously helped on one day a week, was discontinued.

The vehicle travelled 17,692 miles and the total number of cesspools emptied during 1959 was 1,404 made up as below.

	1959	1958
Council Houses	998 (2,620 loads)	844 (2,223 loads)
Private Houses within the area	239 ( 362 loads)	215 ( 332 loads)
Private Houses outside the area	9 ( 11 loads)	17 ( 20 loads)
Rannocks Egg Packing Station	148 ( 554 loads)	257 (1,005 loads)
Schools	10 ( 22 loads)	6 ( 18 loads)

Cesspool Clearance, Thedwastre R.D.C. from 1st January 1959 to 31st December 1959

Name of Village	COUNCIL HOUSES		PRIVATE HOUSES		TOTAL	
	Cesspools emptied	Loads	Cesspools emptied	Loads	Cesspools emptied	Loads
Ashfield Magna	45	89	8	13	53	102
Badwell Ash	4	5	10	17	14	22
Beyton	34	66	15	24	49	90
Drinkstone	58	113	6	8	64	121
Elmswell	77	120	32	48	109	168
Felsham	4	13	12	20	16	33
Gedding	5	10	3	7	8	17
Hessett	25	54	3	4	28	58
Hinderclay	26	52	5	6	31	58
Hunston	-	-	5	5	5	5
Langham	-	-	5	8	5	8
Norton	177	485	15	20	192	505
Rattlesden	2	5	11	16	13	21
Rickinghall Inferior	52	130	7	8	59	138
Stowlangtoft	8	16	4	8	12	24
Thurston	88	264	30	54	118	318
Tostock	8	20	9	13	17	33
Walsham le Willows	44	84	30	43	74	127
Wattisfield	53	212	4	9	57	221
Woolpit	288	882	25	31	313	913
Schools					10	22
Rannocks Egg Packing Station (Elmswell)					148	554
1959 Totals	998	2,620	239	362	1,395	3,558
1958 Totals	844	2,223	215	332	1,322	3,578
Private houses outside the Area					9	11



## 2. RIVERS AND STREAMS

There is no river in the Thedwastre District but attention has been given to the water courses at Walsham le Willows and Rickinghall, both for cleansing and infestation of vermin.

### 3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

All post-war private houses have modern amenities, including W.C.s with drainage to septic tanks, cesspools or, in a few cases to the main sewer. Council houses, however, with the exception of 32 at Woolpit, 8 at Stowlangtoft, 8 at Tostock, 2 at Thurston and 2 at Elmswell have water supplies, baths and drainage but pail closets, as have the majority of working-class premises within the area. The modernisation and connecting of the Council's houses at Rattlesden to the main sewer was commenced towards the end of 1959. In the near future all Council houses at Elmswell and Woolpit will be connected to the sewer.

### (ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

Household refuse is still on a fortnightly rota, except for the very isolated premises which are visited monthly.

Householders are requested to leave their bins near the gate, except in the case of elderly people, the sick, or women living alone, when the service is extended to back door collections.

The moveable floor type of refuse vehicle gave very good service for a period of 10 years but the maintenance costs were very heavy and the Council, therefore, decided to replace it by a dual tip 4 ton, 18 Cub. yards Karrier, which, owing to larger capacity and easier moveability than the former lorry, enables the work to be carried out more speedily and with less effort on the part of the Staff who give satisfactory service to about 2,900 households. This also means that overtime is no longer necessary, except on special occasions.

Refuse tips are at Wattisfield, Rickinghall, Elmswell and Badwell Ash. Frequent visits are paid to the tips by the Rodent Operator, who sprays with insecticides and keeps the rats under control.

In 1959 the Refuse Vehicle travelled 8,009 miles and removed 813 loads of refuse, which compared with 1,213 loads removed during 1958 the difference being accounted for by the finishing of collections from Rannocks Egg Packing Station after May 1959.

### SALVAGE

Year	Paper			Iron			Total Value of salvage					
	Weight		Value	Weight		Value						
	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	£.	S.	d.	Tons	Cwts	Qrs.	£.	s.	d.
1959	19	5	3	77.	3.	0	6	3	2	39.	9.	1.
1958	31	2	0	124.	8.	0	6	8	3	30.	13.	4.



(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following table records the number of inspections carried out by Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Lambert:-

Housing inspection visits	..	..	..	..	1,244
Building inspection visits	..	..	..	..	1,065
Drainage work in progress. visits	..	..	..	..	142
Visits of slaughter houses and bacon factory					503
Owners interviewed	..	..	..	..	148
Caravans visited	..	..	..	..	49
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	9
Shops ..	..	..	..	..	83
Factories	..	..	..	..	136
Refuse tips	..	..	..	..	138
Sewage works	..	..	..	..	96
Dairies ..	..	..	..	..	4
Food premises ..	..	..	..	..	65
Improvement Grants	..	..	..	..	76
Inspections of cesspools	..	..	..	..	170
Complaints	..	..	..	..	31
Ditches ..	..	..	..	..	33
Water supplies ..	..	..	..	..	81
Others ..	..	..	..	..	36

FACTORY ACT 1937

Inspections for purposes of Provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	26	50	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	34	51	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. * (excluding out-workers premises).	50	57	Nil	Nil
	110	158	Nil	Nil

\* i.e. Electrical Stations (Sections 103 (1)). Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

OUTWORK. Sections 110 and 111. No notification of out-work was received.



Premises classified as Factories in Thedwastre comprise:-

5	Agricultural Engineering Works	3	Flour Mills
1	Bacon Factory	1	Printing Works
5	Boot Repairers	2	Smithies
2	Fruit Packing Stations	1	Tailor
8	Garages	1	Wheelwright
2	Sand and Ballast Merchants	1	Wireless Repairer
1	Gate Manufacturer	4	Market Gardeners
18	Builders Yards	5	Corn and Seed Merchants
1	Egg Packing Station	3	Bakeries
1	Pottery		

(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES

Inspections of the ventilation and sanitary accommodation provisions, under the Shop Act, 1934 were made.

The advent of a piped water supply and the completed sewage disposal schemes for Rattlesden, Elmswell and Woolpit, to be followed in the near future by a scheme for Walsham le Willows, with other similar projects in the offing, will allow many improvements to be carried out in shops and offices throughout the District.

The following are the number of shops in our District:-

Shops not associated with food:-

Boot repairers	..	..	..	5
Bicycle Repairers	..	..	..	2
Garages	..	..	..	8

Shops associated with food:-

Butchers	..	..	..	7
Grocers	..	..	..	44
Bakers	..	..	..	3
Fish Fryers	..	..	..	3
Cafes	..	..	..	2

Public Houses .. .. .. .. 30

(v) CAMPING SITES

28 caravans, housing approximately 55 persons are spread over 23 different sites. The occupants are in the main single persons, working on farms. No trouble has been experienced.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT

The Bacon Factory, Elmswell and the Pottery at Wattisfield are the only two factories with chimneys in Thedwastre; as in previous years, no smoke nuisance arose from these factories.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS

There are no swimming baths in the District but many of our inhabitants avail themselves of the good facilities at Bury St. Edmunds and Stowmarket.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No case of bed bug infestation was either reported or discovered during 1959, or in any year covered by my reports, which date from 1938.

(ix) RODENT CONTROL

Mr. A.C. Denny, the rodent operator was unfortunately away for three months owing to illness and, during that time, his duties were carried out by Howlett's Vermin Control of Woolpit, who regularly inspected the tips, etc. After his return in September, 1959 Mr. Denny resumed his systematic inspection of all properties within the District, also the treatment of refuse tips for rats and insect infestation. The total of work carried out during the year can be assessed from the copy of the Operator's twelve month report on the following page.

4. SCHOOLS. Use is made of the mains water supply at all the schools in the District and modern sewage disposal methods exist at the schools at Elmswell, Rattlesden and Beyton (Modern Secondary).



Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949  
Report for 12 months ended 31st March 1960

Name of Local Authority: Thedwastre R.D.C. County: West Suffolk

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	1 Local Authority	2 Dwelling houses	3 All other premises	4 Total of Cols. 1, 2 and 3	5 Agricultural
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District Notes 1 & 2	8	3,145	276	3,429	256
2. No. of properties inspected as a result of a. Notification b. Survey under Act c. Otherwise.	Nil 8 Nil	187 2,126 14	2 230 Nil	189 2,364 7	10 246 Nil
3. Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections	32	4,027	170	4,229	263
4. No. of properties inspected in Sec. 2 which were found to be infested: a. Rats Major Minor b. Mice Major Minor	6 1 1 Nil	47 351 17 101	2 1 1 1	55 353 19 102	14 57 13 17
5. Number of infested properties (Sec.4) treated by L.A.	8	380	3	391	11
6. Total treatment carried out - including re-treatments	41	757	9	807	25
7. Number of notices served under Sec.4 of the Act. a. Treatment b. Structural Work	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of notice	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9. Legal Proceedings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	3	7	1	11	1

See notes overleaf:-



Note 1. With the exception of agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll for the area.

Note 2. (1) Premises used by the L.A. for the purposes of trade should be entered in Col. (3)

(2) Sewers should not be included.

(3) Combined dwelling and business premises, where occupied by the same person should be regarded as business premises and should be entered in separate occupation, separate entries should be made in Cols. 2 and 3.

Note 3. For the purpose of completing Sections 2,4 and 5 each property should be entered once only in respect of inspections, infestations or treatments.

SECTION D  
H O U S I N G

1.	(i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,082
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,239
	(ii) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above ) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	Nil
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
	(iii) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	16
	(iv) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	9
2.	<u>Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices:-</u>	

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers

9

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12 and 39 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	Nil
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) by Owners	Nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil



(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	1
(a) By Owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16,17,19,21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	3
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	7
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation	13
(4) Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders of undertakings	2

(d) Proceedings under Sections 18,19 and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of parts of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of parts of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	Nil.

(e) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas	Nil
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4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	10
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil



New houses provided in the post-war years have been:-

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	Total
Private Houses	5	16	10	7	8	3	4	15	21	20	23	27	41	50	258
Council Houses	18	37	47	60	26	18	22	24	40	13	44	6	13	12	380
Total	23	53	57	67	34	21	26	39	61	41	67	33	54	62	628

The following table indicates the work of general repair and maintenance of existing houses in connection with private dwelling houses. The Table, however, does not include repairs to Council houses, hutments or requisitioned houses which are effected by direct labour under the direction of the Housing Supervisor, Mr. Cushing.

Classified List of Housing Defects abated during the year in  
Private Dwelling Houses

Roofs repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dampness remedied..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Wall plaster repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Yard paving repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
External walls repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Windows repaired or renewed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drains repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fireplaces repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Floors repaired ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Doors repaired or renewed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Light and Ventilation improved ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other repairs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Accumulations removed ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

The table on the following page indicates the provision of Council houses in Thedwastre.



	Houses Total in Parish	Council Houses										% Council houses in Parish				
		1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956					
Ashfield Great	110	26	16	2								26%				
Badwell Ash	117	23	19	4								19%				
Beyton	152	46	20	2	6	4						30%				
Drinkerstone	142	23	10	2	8	4						20%				
Elmswell	375	98	55	4	9	7						27%				
Felsham	112	28	10		8	4						25%				
Gedding	53	18	10			6						34%				
Hessett	105	36	12			2	10					34%				
Hinderclay	73	17	7			4						24%				
Hunston	34	-	-			-	-					Nil				
Langham	34	-	-			-	-					Nil				
Norton	242	70	33			12	10					29%				
Rattlesden	256	44	18			4	6					17%				
Rickinghall Inferior	106	22	2			3	4					20%				
Stowlangtoft	65	14	6									22%				
Thurston	317	43	17				12					13%				
Tostock	119	26	14				2	2				23%				
Walsham	276	56	38				6	8				20%				
Wattisfield	138	28	18				10	2				20%				
Woolpit	319	88	26				12	4	12	20		28%				
	3,145	715	331	4	18	37	47	52	26	18	22	44	6	13	12	23%



SECTION E  
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY.

The duties of our Authority are restricted to the surveillance of milk in distribution from dairies other than producer retail dairies. The number of retailers in the District was 9. The following licences were issued (supplementary licences are issued to those whose premises are not in our District)

	Tuberculin Tested		Pasteurised		Sterilised
	Dealer	Supple- mentary	Dealer	Supple- mentary	
Palmer, Wattisfield	1	-	1	-	-
Co-op, Stowmarket	-	1	-	1	1
Erith, Redgrave	-	1	-	1	-
Hicks, Ixworth	-	1	-	1	-
Gough, Stowmarket	-	1	-	1	-
Apperly, Woolpit	1	-	1	-	-
Newman, Westhorpe	-	-	-	1	-
Ellis, Mrs. Walsham le Willows	1	-	1	-	-
Rogers, Drinkstone	1	-	1	-	-
	4	4	4	5	1

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Of the seven retail butchers in the District, 5 obtain their meat from wholesalers slaughtering outside the District. The remaining 2 use their own private slaughter-houses and the animals slaughtered and inspected during the year were as follows:-

<u>Beasts</u>	<u>Calf</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
187	1	521	59

This does not include inspections at the St. Edmundsbury Bacon Factory.

The number of pigs killed at the St. Edmundsbury Bacon Factory Elmswell, during the year was 112,287. The figure for 1958 was 108,134.

Number of Bacon Pigs	..	..	..	106,599
Number of pork pigs	..	..	..	5,376
Number of pigs condemned	..	..	..	312
Number of pigs killed	..	..	..	112,287
Number of pigs inspected	..	..	..	112,287

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci

Whole carcases condemned	304
Percentage of number inspected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	.0935



Tuberculosis only

Whole carcases condemned .. ..	8
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	.000007
<u>Cysticercosis</u> .. .. .. ..	Nil

In addition to the 312 whole carcases condemned, there were also condemned:-

3,503 Heads	(Weighing 42,784 lbs.)
3,932 Plucks	(Weighing 27,524 lbs.)
3,828 Kidneys	(Weighing 239 lbs.)
1,668 Intestines	

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases among the civilian population during the year 1959. These are the final numbers after corrections subsequently made either by the Notifying Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Disease Hospital.

	Whooping Cough		Scarlet Fever		Dysentery		Measles	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6
2 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	12
3 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
4 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	9
5 to 9 years	1	-	8	2	-	-	56	54
10 to 14 years	-	-	4	2	-	-	15	12
15 to 24 years	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	2
25 to 44 years	-	-	2	3	-	1	-	-
45 to 64 years	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
65 and over	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Grand Total:	M.	F.	2	-	19	12	-	106 109
249	127	122						

The above figures show that there was an increase of Infectious Disease in Thedwastre during 1959

There were 6 deaths from Pneumonia during the year, four being males.



## T U B E R C U L O S I S

### NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

#### New Cases

There were no new cases of Tuberculosis notified during 1959.

	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Pulmonary	-	3	5	4	2	1	1	-	4	11
Non-Pulmonary	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	2	1	5

#### Mortality

There were no Tuberculosis deaths during 1959 registered locally.

### TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1. Cases at commencement 1959	15	10	1	4	16	14
2. Notified first in 1959	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from register	2	3	1	-	3	3
6. Remaining at end of 1959	13	7	-	4	13	11



THE DWASTRE -1936 to 1959. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS).

Year	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas	Infective Hepatitis	Acute Polio myelitis	Dysentery	Meningo-occal Meningitis	Oph-thalmia neonatorum	Para & Typhoid Fevers	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Total Cases
1936	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2
1937	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	15		
1938	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4		
1939	2	5	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	31		
1940	-	71	34	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	125		
1941	2	23	259	126	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	413		
1942	-	34	7	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	98		
1943	1	9	71	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100		
1944	1	28	14	49	-	51	-	-	-	1	-	147		
1945	-	28	78	40	1	3	-	-	-	1	2	153		
1946	1	2	30	12	-	5	-	-	2	-	1	62		
1947	-	4	84	6	1	1	-	-	1	14	1	-	113	
1948	-	4	78	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105	
1949	-	4	8	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	23		
1950	-	16	161	5	-	20	2	-	-	-	1	205		
1951	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10		
1952	-	-	16	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	52		
1953	-	-	15	3	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	25		
1954	-	2	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30		
1955	-	1	60	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65		
1956	-	-	13	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17		
1957	-	-	28	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33		
1958	-	-	-	17	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	22		
1959	-	31	215	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	249		

Measles and Whooping Cough were only notifiable from Oct. 1939, Infective Hepatitis in 1943. The first Diphtheria Immunisations were completed in 1941.

